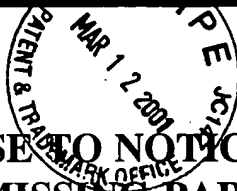


**RESPONSE TO NOTICE TO
FILE MISSING PARTS**



Attorney Docket No.	1497.1002
Application Number	09/672,838
Filing Date	September 29, 2000
First Named Inventor	William Randolph ABERNETHY
Group Art Unit	2166
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AMOUNT ENCLOSED \$ 837.00

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §1.53(f) and in response to the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office Notice to File Missing Parts of Nonprovisional Application December 11, 2000 for the above-identified application, enclosed are the following:

- ☒ RETURN COPY of Notice to File Missing Parts of Nonprovisional Application
- ☒ Executed Combined Declaration/Power of Attorney
- ☐ Formal Drawings
- ☐ English-language translation of application
- ☒ Applicant(s) claim Small Entity status under 37 C.F.R. §1.27

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- ☒ The filing fee as set forth in 37 C.F.R. §1.16(a) \$355.00
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Since the Notice to File Missing Parts of Nonprovisional Application set an original due date of February 11, 2001, petition is hereby made for an extension to cover the date this reply is filed for which the requisite fee is enclosed (1 month (\$110)):

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An application number and filing date have been accorded to this application. The item(s) indicated below, however, are missing. Applicant is given TWO MONTHS from the date of this Notice within which to file all required items and pay any fees required below to avoid abandonment. Extensions of time may be obtained by filing a petition accompanied by the extension fee under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a).

- The statutory basic filing fee is missing.
Applicant must submit \$ 690 to complete the basic filing fee and/or file a small entity statement claiming such status (37 CFR 1.27).
- Total additional claim fee(s) for this application is \$714.
 - \$324 for 18 total claims over 20.
 - \$390 for 5 independent claims over 3 .
- The oath or declaration is unsigned.
- To avoid abandonment, a late filing fee or oath or declaration surcharge as set forth in 37 CFR 1.16(e) of \$130 for a non-small entity, must be submitted with the missing items identified in this letter.
- The balance due by applicant is \$ 1534.

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